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OF AGE YEARS

Veteran Has Served Uncle Sam for Over Fifty Years-His Fe. line Force Obedient to Call of His Whistle.

New York, Nov. 11,-George W. Cook yesterday celebrated the 81st anniversary of his birth, and his 54th year in the employ of Uncle Sam. His home is at 311 Sheffield avenue, but few of his neighbors know just what the octogenarian does for a living beyond that he holds a government place of some kind. For 54 years Cook has held the unique position of "superintendent" of the federal building cats He is the boss of no less than 6 fullgrown members of the feline tribe, each of which is capable of doing a day's work, and is on the government ration roll. An appropriation of \$60 the postmaster-general.

Cook is the duly constituted civil service board of this federal feline

It must not be supposed that every ordinary cat can pass into the federal service. It is a coveted berth. An aspirant for the cat police must present external evidences of fitness. The candidate must satisfy George that it is a willing and obedient rat catcher. The duty of the cat police is to prevent all damage to the mails by rodent bandits. The two boss cats, whom George calls Bill and Richard. are the plateon chiefs of the force. The two-platoon system is now Seven years ago the threeplatoon system was experimented with but it was not a success.

"Superintendent" Cook is one of New York's quaint characters. He is the personification of red tape. Every day he goes to market and buys food for the cat police. At 2 o'clock in the afternon he goes down to the basement with his purchase and whistles like a bugler. It is the only hour when all the four-legged police are allowed to vacate their posts. Patrolmen and reserves alike tumble through the base-"come to your liver now, boys." Dinin orderly file and satisfy their hunger.

well-wishing cats yesterday, George cured me of what the physicians called became reminiscent and told how one bad cat had once swamped the office trouble with my throat or lungs since with felines. It was the only cat taken that time." from the old postoffice to the present one, way back in the sixties. It was before George, warned by experience, had inaugurated his civil service.

"That critter would never stay on post," said George. "In a few months there seemed to be more cats in this postoffice than letters."

At the close of the day George went upstairs and received the congratulations of the acting postoffice staff. His service antedates that of Acting Postmaster Morgan, who has worked for Uncle Sam for 45 years.

George W. Cook is, perhaps, the drollest octogenarian in New York today, as the cats undoubtedly are the most susceptible to the charms of a lute. With an ordinary lettercarrier's whistle he makes them do his bidding. When he pipes none may resist him for he has them trained. He has obtained such mastery over them with his whistle that when he blows every unit of his miniature four-legged army is ready to follow him as ever the rats did the famous piper of Hamlin.

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Return of Stolen Cope Brings the Magnate a Knighthood.

New York, Nov. 11 .- On the proposal of the Italian minister of foreign affairs, King Victor has decided, cables the World's Rome correspondent, to send to J. P. Morgan of New York the insignia of the knight of the crown of Italy as a testimonial of the gratitude of the Italian nation for the return of

the Ascoli cone to the Italian government. A decoration will also be sent to General Di Cesnela, director of the metropolitan museum of art in New York, for the part he took in obtaining the return of the cope.

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